

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

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2 A desanding vessel is inserted in a high velocity fluid stream containing
3 entrained particulates. The vessel comprises an upper freeboard portion having a
4 large cross-sectional wherein the fluid stream velocity drops and particulates fall
5 from suspension. Preferably the fluid stream is introduced offset upwardly from an
6 axis of a horizontally oriented cylindrical vessel, released particulates falling to
7 accumulate in a lower belly portion. The freeboard portion is maintained using a
8 depending flow barrier adjacent the vessel's outlet which sets the depth of
9 accumulation in the belly portion. A cleanout enables periodic removal of
10 accumulations.